expand the production capacity and for easy availability of quality aids and appliances. The National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities set up in 2000 extends support to registered organisations to provide need based services during periods of crisis in the family of the persons with disability and also promotes measures for care and protection of these persons in the event of death of their parents or guardians. For educational and economic empowerment of persons with disabilities, the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 provides for 3% reservation in seats for persons with disabilities in all Government educational institutions and other educational institutions receiving aid from the Government and 3% reservation of identified posts in Government establishments and Public Sector Undertakings.

Plan for economic empowerment of the least privileged

4610. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSCFDC) has prepared a strategic plan (2003-2012) for economic empowerment of the least privileged,

(b) if so, the main features of the plan; and

(c) by when the plan is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main features of NSFDC's Strategic Plan (2003-12) include :

(0 Planning coverage of 1.47 lakh beneficiaries in the first 5 years and 6.25 lakhs during the next.

(ii) Planning increase in the proportion of micro-credit financing from the present level of 18% to 25% by the 5th Year and 40% by the 10th.

(iii) Planning more Skilled Training and Entrepreneurship Development Programmes for the target-group (i.e. @ 80 per year).

(iv) Adoption of a Misson Mode Approach towards the economic empowerment programmes for the target-group and re-orientation of lending and support policies accordingly.

(v) Project implementation through opportunity profiles.

(c) The Plan covers a period of 10 financial years (2003-04 to 2011-12).

Project for street children

461**1.** SHRI B.J. PANDA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the proposed project to cater to the needs of street children in the capital, Delhi;

(b) how many street children will be looked after under this project and whether any NGO would also be associated;

(c) whether this project is also likely to take care of the destitute, forlorn and needy adults specially girls;

(d) if so, the type of help and protection that would be offered to them; and

(e) the name of the agency which would fund the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) to (e) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing a Scheme called 'An Integrated Programme for Street Children'. Under this scheme financial assistance is given to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for providing shelter, nutrition, health care, education, vocational training and recreation facilities to street children including girls, and facilitate their withdrawal from life on streets. During the year 2002-2003, Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 101.61 Lakh was released to 09 NGOs in Delhi for running 14 projects under the Scheme for extending services to 2788 children. The Scheme is limited to extending services to children below 18 years only. The names of NGOs are given in the Statement.